H. to Sir J. Yorke –

Richmond Lodge June 10th 1766

Sir Joseph Yorke, The Multitude of affairs that hourly pressd on me on the close of the session of Parliament prevented my acquainting You till now ~~how much I am satisfied with~~ of my satisfaction at the frankness & ability of Your letter of the 27th Ult.

Nothing could surprize me more than the manifest change in Prince Lewis's conduct since the 8th of March, till then I thought his prudence superior to that of most Men; now he seems running headlong into what must ruin him, & ~~which perhaps the more~~ must be highly prejudicial to the Prince of Orange, but I see the ~~lawe~~ of Power is so predominant in him that it makes him neglect every prudential consideration, otherwise he had never entered into the Agreement with the Prince of Orange that ~~must cause such jealousy~~ occasions so much uneasiness in the Republic.

As to the Prince of Orange's marrying into a Regal House, that cannot be indifferent to us, particularly in the one talk'd of, where enterprizing genius's ~~have not plenty~~ rivalys, if the Prince does not incline to marry My

undispos'd of Sister. I should much incline to his taking the Princess Augusta of Brunswick, which would be both Natural & void of objections; I can with authority contradict Prince Lewis's assertion that the Duke of Brunswick declines giving his Daughter; the Hereditary Prince shewed me a letter from his Father which mentioned Prince Lewis having wrote to desire him to give over all thoughts of his Daughter's marrying the Prince of Orange as the King of Prussia intended him for his Niece the Princess of Prussia; if the Duke of Brunswick has since declined it owing to this brotherly insinuation.

Your Postscript gives me some hopes that the Prince of Orange is opening his eyes with regard to the Prussian Match, You cannot do more essential service than by trying underhand to improve this fortunate circumstance, whilst I consider what I can with propriety do

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I cannot conclude without mentioning my ~~that I am~~ surprize at Prince Louis so thoroughly neglects what I suggested with regard to the Hereditary Prince; I wish to know whether you ~~don't~~ think that your declaring in my when he returns to the Hague, ~~for you to meet~~ ~~that I am~~ my anxious to see the Hereditary Prince ~~of Brunswick~~ during his stay, (the Duke of Brunswick) brought into the Dutch service ~~I am not so pleased with this but~~ ~~it may hurry on~~ the affair otherwise I fear he will keep it dormant as long as he can ~~with which I do not, if you may~~ ~~will that may arise from this I permit you~~ ~~to defer speaking to him till you have~~ ~~talked with me~~

Draft to Sir Joseph Yorke

Richmond Lodge June 10

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